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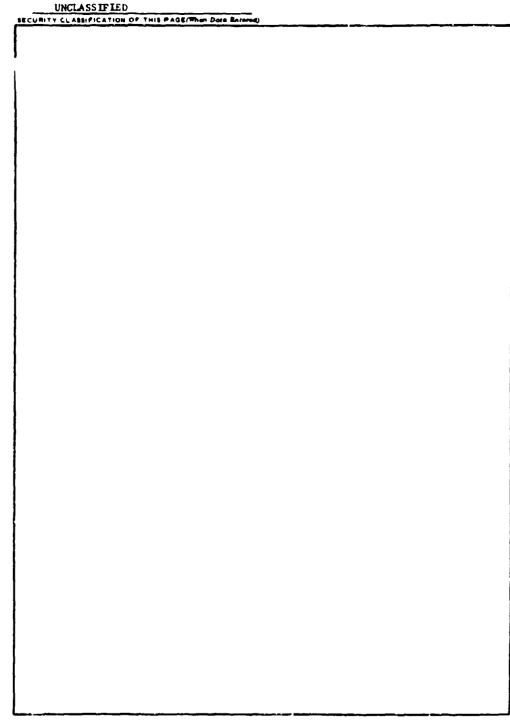
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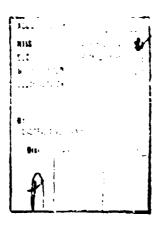


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I. INTRODUCTION

Nose mounted canards are attractive candidates for aerodynamic controls on a guided missile for several reasons. Generally, the hingemoments are small compared to those developed by an equally effective tail control. The effectiveness of canards increases with increasing angle of attack rather than decreasing as does tail control effectiveness. Also canards may be employed to tailor the missile stability margin by decreasing the transonic stability hump [1].

A common requirement for a guided missile is that the roll rate should be maintained at a low level or even that the missile should be fixed in roll position. One potential advantage of nose mounted canards is that they may be considered as roll control devices as well as giving control forces for a maneuvering missile. The purpose of this study is to investigate the effectiveness of small, nose mounted canards in developing rolling moments for roll attitude and roll rate control.

The aerodynamics properties of canard-cail configurations are complicated by vortices, produced by the canards at incidence, trailing past the tail panels and effecting the tail lift. This phenomenon may be beneficial at times such as by increasing trim angle of attack for a given canard deflection angle or by decreasing the transonic static margin rise, thereby decreasing flight path errors due to wind sensitivity.

Theoretical predictions of the aerodynamics of canard-planar tail configurations are complicated by the difficulty in estimating correctly the canard induced vortex strengths and the vortex trajectories as they trail downstream past the tail panels. The method of Pitts, Nielsen, and Kaattari [2] was modified to calculate canard vortex induced planar tail rolling moments but comparison with experimental data was poor; therefore, it was not included in this report.

Wind tunnel data were obtained for canard-planar tail configurations with variable canard longitudinal positions. Mach number was varied from 0.6 to 4.5 and angle of attack and canard differential deflection was varied from -3° to 5°. The data were obtained from three different test facilities.

Some data were obtained for a canard-ring tail configuration at Mach numbers 2.5 and 4.5 with the canards located in only the most cit position. Comparisons are made between the canard-planar tail configurations and the canard-ring tail configuration in roll control effectiveness.

II. EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

A. Test Facilities

The 8-ft transonic wind tunnel, located at CALSE'N Corporation, Buffalo, New York, was used to obtain the data for Mach numbers of 0.6 to 1.25. The tunnel test section has perforated walls and an auxiliary pumping system for actenuation of reflected shock and expansion waves on models in the low supersonic range. This method of attenuating reflected shock and expansion waves is described in detail in Reference 3. The closed circuit tunnel is capable of speeds from 5 ft/sec up to Mach number 1.3%. For this test, the tunnel was primarily run in a constant mass mode which is the most efficient way, timewise, to operate at several Mach numbers. Constant mass mode means that no air is added to the tunnel in going from one Mach number to another. In this mode, both Reynolds number and dynamic pressure vary with Mach number. A photograph of the installation is presented in Figure 1.

The Ames Research Center 6 ft X 6 it supersonic wind tunnel was used to obtain data for Mach numbers 1.5 and 2.0. It is a closed-circuit, single-return, continuous-flow facility and has an asymmetric sliding-block nozzle and a test section with perforated floor and ceiling to permit boundary-layer removal. Continuous testing is available for Much numbers from 0.25 to 2.25 with Reynolds numbers from 1.0×10^6 to 5.0×10^6 /ft and a maximum stagnation temperature of $580^\circ R$. The tunnel air is driven by an eight-stage, axial-flow compressor powered by two electric motors mounted in tandem outside the wind tunnel. The Ames sting, Ef III 235-500, together with a 5° angle adaptor, was used to mount the model. The model was inverted in the tunnel during all the tests.

The Arnold Engineering Development Center, Von Karmon Facility, Tunnel A, was used to obtain data for Mach numbers 2.5, 3.0, and 4.5. Tunnel A is a continuous, closed-circuit, variable density wind tunnel with an automatically driven flexible-plate nozzle and a 40 in. > 40 in. test section. The tunnel can be operated at Nucl. numbers from 1.5 to 6.0 at maximum stagnation pressures from 29 to 200 psia, respectively, and suagnation temperatures up to $750\,^{\circ}$ R (M = 6.0). Minimum operating pressures range from approximately one-tenth to one-twentieth of the maximum at each Mach number. The tunnel is equipped with a model injection system which allows removal of the model from the test section while the tunnel remains in operation.

E. Wind Tunnel Model

The wind tunnel model was a sting mounted body of revolution, 5.0 in. diameter, 52.0 in. long, and had a three caliber tangent ogive. The model body is shown in Figure 2. The model was tested with two sets of canards, one set of planar tail panels and a ring tail. The model was unique in that all four canards and tail panels were each mounted on three component balances along with a six-component main balance which neasured total model loads. Each canard was deflected remotely; the deflection angles were measured by potentiometers mounted on the canard deflection mechanism. The tail panels were undeflected throughout the tests.

C. Canards

The two sets of canards had essentially the same planform. These two sets were tested at two different longitudinal positions on the model mose with the canard root chord remaining tangent to the model surface at the canard hinge point. The two longitudinal positions are shown in Figure 3; the canards are shown in Figure 4.

D. Tail

A rectangular tail was tested with the trailing edge flush with the model base. The tail has an exposed aspect ratio of 1.0. A ring tail, designed to give approximately the same static stability as the planar tail was tested at Mach numbers 2.5 and 4.0. The vertical support struts were not attached to the body. With this arrangement, the two horizontal tail balances provided measurements of the total force on the ring tail. The tails are shown in Figure 4.

E. Test Conditions

The canard-planar tail configurations were tested at Mach numbers 0.6, 0.8, 0.9, 1.05, 1.25, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, and 4.5, while the ring tail configuration was tested only at Mach numbers 2.5 and 4.5. The angle of attack was varied from approximately -3° to 5° and the canards were deflected differentially from -3° to 5°. All data were corrected for sting deflections and flow angularities. Tunnel operating conditions are given in Table 1. The main balance accuracy was estimated to be 0.5% of full scale for each balance gage and the panel balance accuracies were estimated to be on the order of 1% of full scale, where the full scale loads are:

	Canard	Tail
Normal force (1b)	40	60
Root bending moment (in1b)	35	130
Hinge moment (in1b)	25	100

TABLE 1, TURNEL OFFRATING COURTHORS

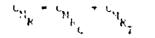
Mach Number	Reynolds No. + 10 ⁻⁶ /in.	lynamic Prossure (pst)
0.6	0.16	460
0.8	0.17	500
0.9	0.18	420
1.05	0.19	490
1.25	0.21	550
1.5	0.20	500
2.0	0.20	500
2.5	0.23	547
3.0	0.26	547
4.5	0.40	547

It was estimated that angle of attack was accurate to $(0.05)^{\circ}$ and canard deflection angles to $(0.10)^{\circ}$. The basic wind tunnel data are presented in plotted form in References 4, 5, and 6. The data axis system is shown in Figure 5.

F. Data Reduction

Total model rolling moment coefficient has calculated from the canard and tail balance data in the following manner:

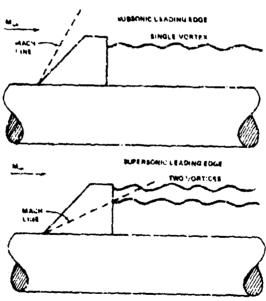
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III DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

A. Capard-laff Configuration Aerodynamics

The aerodynamic characteristics of canard-tail configurations are complex because the canards at incidence generate vortices which trail downstream past the tail and significantly change the tail lift. Vortex characteristics such as number of vortices, strength, position, and type are eiten difficult to predict analytically. At moderate angles of attack, the body may even generate symmetrical or unsymmetrical vortices which change the flow field about the tail panels and affect tail lift. Spahr and Dickey [7] have shown that the geometry of the wake as it leaves the canard or wing varies considerably with canard aspect ratio and angle of attack. The vertex sheat generated by low aspect ratio canard with subsonic leading edge tends to roll up into a singic vortex ahead of the trailing edge; however, the vortex wake generated by a large aspect ratio canard at large angles of attack and with a supersonic leading edge may leave the trailing edge as a vortex sheet which rolls up into two vortices at some point downstream of the canard. The following sketch shows these two possibilities:



The canards used in this investigation all had subsonic leading edges and the series of vapor screen photographs in Figure 6 shows that one vortex is shed from each canard and appears to be completely relied up as it leaves the canard trailing edge. The series of vapor screen photographs were taken at an angle of attack of 12°, sufficiently large for the body induced vortices to be generated as shown in the photographs

B. Observations from Experimental Data

Wind tunnel tests were conducted in which opposite side canards were deflected differentially over the range -3° to 5° such that each canard produced a rolling moment in the same direction about the model centerline. Angle of attack was varied between -3° and 5° at each canard and Mach number condition.

C. Planar Tail

Figures 7 through 24 show relling moment coefficient as a function of Nach number and angle of attack for a constant 5° differential canard deflection with the canards in the forward and aft position. These plots show the rolling moment coefficient developed by the canards only, the tails only, and the canards plus tail or total rolling moment—officient. Total rolling moment coefficient measured directly from the model main balance is also shown and generally compares very well with the values computed from canard and tail balances.

The most notable aspect of the planar tail configuration data is that while the rolling moment developed by the camards is large, and that developed by the tail is large, the summed rolling moment costficient is small because the direction or sign of the canard and tail values are different. The contard rolling moment coefficients are generated by the deflection angle of the four canards; however, the tail rolling moment coefficients are caused by the vortices, shed by the deflected canards, trailing past the tail panels and inducing an effective angle of attack for each tail panel. The canard rolling moments are generally larger than the tail colling moments coefficients, but at the supersonic Mach numbers, the tall moment may be larger than the canard moment. In this case, the resultant moment is in the opposite direction than would be logically expected with the given canard deflection. This phenomenon has been termed roll reversal and is seen from the panel data at Mach numbers 1.05 and 2.0 with the canards in the forward position and Mach numbers 1.5 through 2.5 with the canards in the aft position. No data were obtained for the forward canard positions at Mach number 4.5. Roll reversal has been observed previously in wind tunnel tests of models with large canards located on the same body diameter as the planar tail.

Total rolling moment coefficient from the model main balance, planar tail configuration, is shown plotted on an expanded scale in Figures 25 through 42. At times, sizeable rolling moments were seen

In the data when all four canards were undeflected; those moments were subtracted from the data for deflected usnards. This type of data correction is satisfactory if the zero deflection moments represent a constant bias in the data; however, this data adjustment is not correct if the zero deflection moments are due to a canard deflection bias error. A constant canard or tail deflection bias error would create a nonlinear error in rolling moment.

The expanded scale rolling moment data are shown plotted for the forward and aft mounted canard configurations throughout the canard deflection and Mach number range. The data are generally not symmetrical about zero angle of attack as would be expected for the configurations tested. The reason for this assymmetry is not known; however, Figures 7 through 42 showing the rulling moment component data indicate that the assymmetry is due to the tail component rather than the canard component. A slight misalignment of one or more of the tail panels may be the culprit; because, as previously stated, errors due to panel misalignment would be nonlinear with angle of attack. The rolling moments are generally in the expected direction subsonically and transonically, but in the supersonic Mach number range, the rolling moments are in the reverse direction than would be expected for both the configurations tested. The reason for this is not known other than the physical fact that the component of rolling moment due to the tail panels is larger than the component due to the conside. Roll reversal is clearly shown in Figure 43 for zero angle of attack and differential canard deflections of 5°.

D. Ring Tail

Figures 44 and 45 show rolling rement coefficients for the ring tail configuration as calculated from the canard balances alone, the tail alone, the canard-tail balance combination, and the main balance. These figures show that the ring taxl, unlike the planar tail, dows not develop large induced rolling moments at the Mach numbers tested. Because of this fact, small canards in combination with a ring tail appear to be far more effective as a means of roll control than small canards in line with an equivalent planar tail. Variation of rolling moment coefficient from the main balance as a function of angle of attack and canard deflection angle for the ring tail configuration is shown in Figures 46 and 47. Rolling moment coefficient for the ring tail configuration is a linear function of canard differential deflection and does not vary with angle of attack as does the planar tail configuration over the parameter ranges tested. A comparison of rolling moments from the planar tail and ring tail are shown in Figures 48 and 49. The ring tail configuration does have the possible disadventage of increasing the missile drag from that of a planar tail configuration with approximately the same characteristics. The drag increase is shown in Figure 50.

IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This report is a study of effectiveness of small nose mounted canards as roll control devices, moderate canard deflection angle, and small angles of attack. Wind tunnel data were obtained for canards in two different longitudinal positions. Mach number was varied from 0.6 to 4.5, canard differential deflection angle from -3° to 5°, and angle of attack from -3° to 6°.

The following conclusions were drawn from this study. Small, nose mounted canards in combination with an in-line planar tail are not effective as roll control devices unless decoupled from the tail panels because the vortex induced tail rolling moments are of the same magnitude as the rolling moments developed by the canards alone. The net rolling moments are generally only approximately 10% as large as the rolling moments developed by the canards alone. In the supersonic Mach number range, the tail component of rolling moments may actually be larger than the canard component, and in the opposite direction, leading to the condition known as roll reversal.

Small, nose mounted canards in combination with a ring tail, however, show promise as roll control devices because the canard induced vortices do not cause any significant tail rolling moments. A ring tail giving approximately the same stability characteristics as a planar tail does, however, cause some increase in total missile drag.

It is recommended that further wind tunnel tests be conducted in the subsonic and transonic Mach number range to supplement the rather small amount of canard-ring tail configuration data available. Variations in ring tail planform and mounting strut design should be included in these tests.

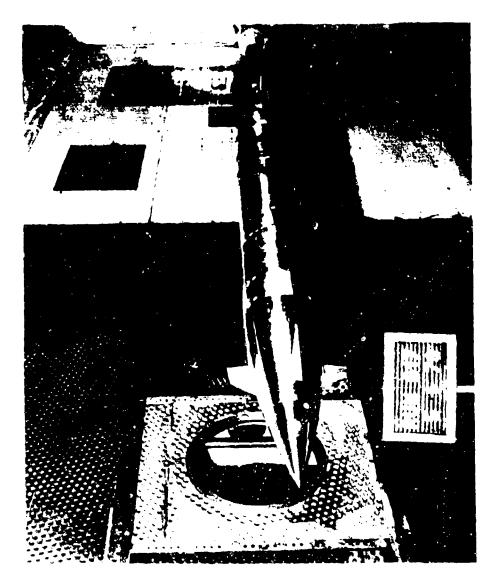
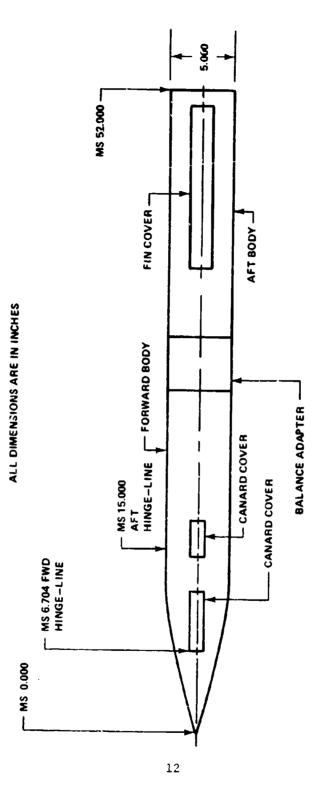


Figure 1. Typical model installation.



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Sketch of model body showing hinge-line positions for canards. Figure 2.

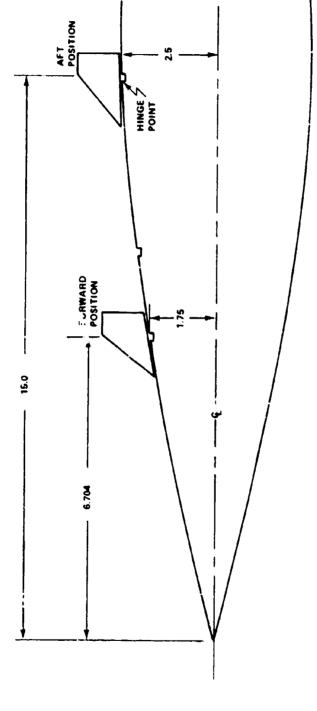
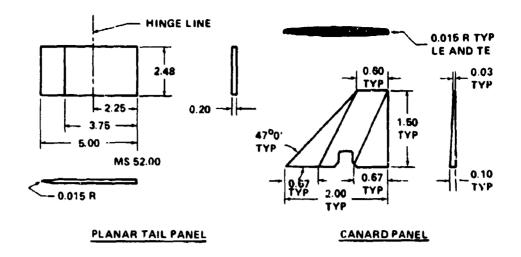


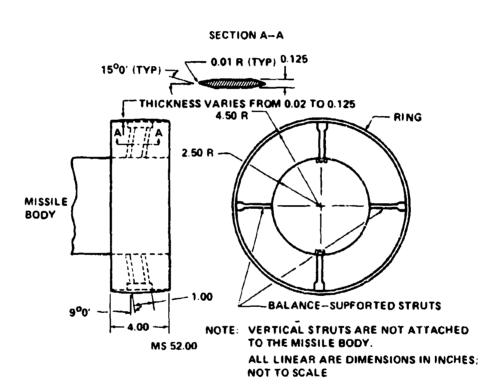
Figure 3. Canard longitudinal positions.

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Figure 4. Planar tail, ring tail, and canard panel.

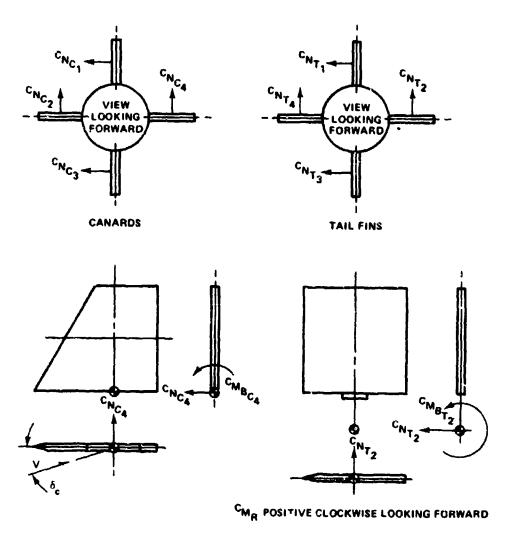


Figure 5. Axis system and positive sign convention (typical).

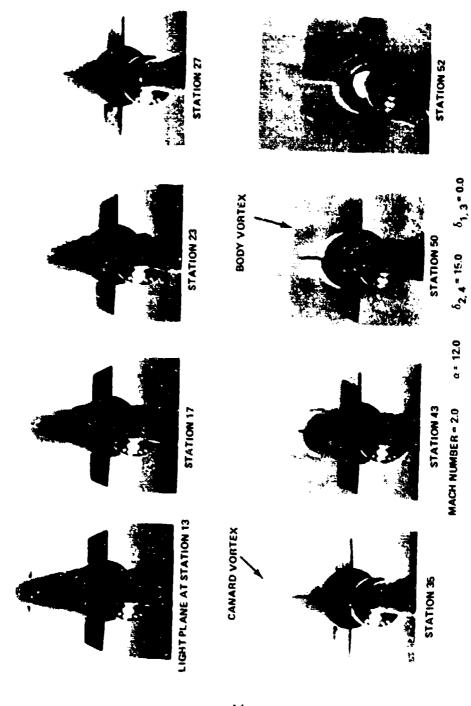


Figure 6. Typical vapor screen photographs.

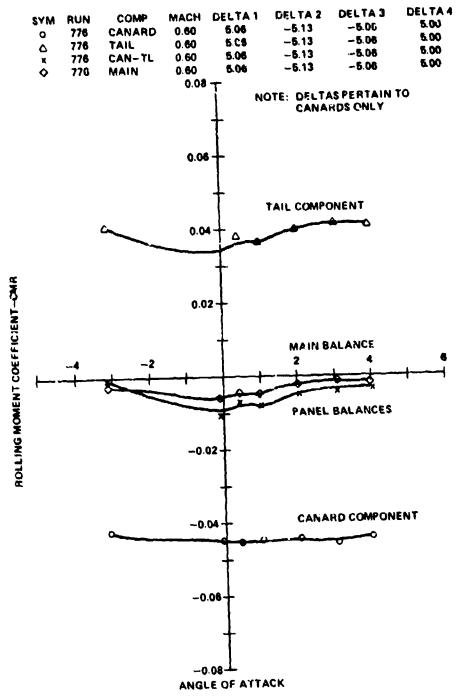


Figure 7. Component rolling moment coefficient, M_m = 0.6, forward canards, planar tail.

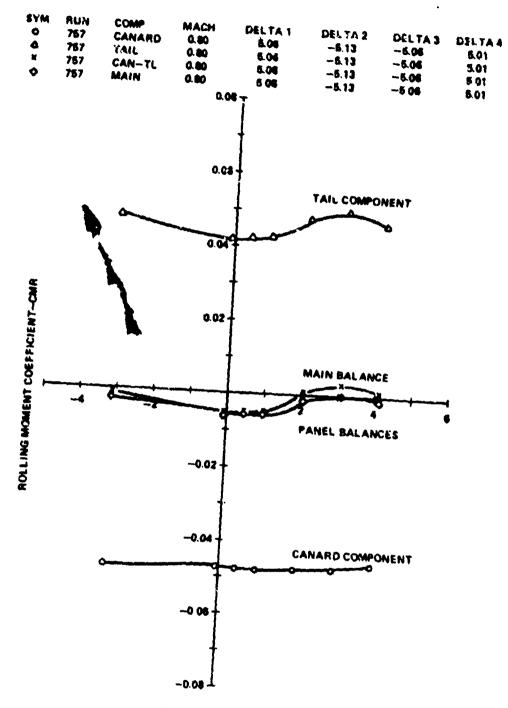


Figure 8. Component rolling moment coefficient, M_x = 0.8, forward canards, planar tail.

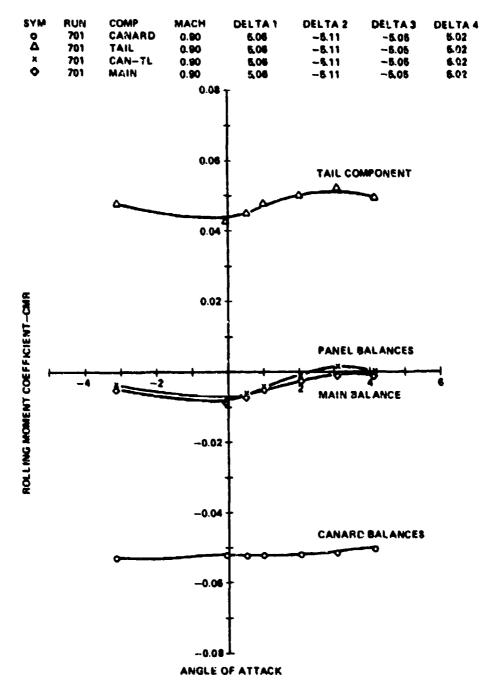


Figure 9. Component rolling moment coefficient, $H_{\infty} = 0.9$, forward canards, planar tail.

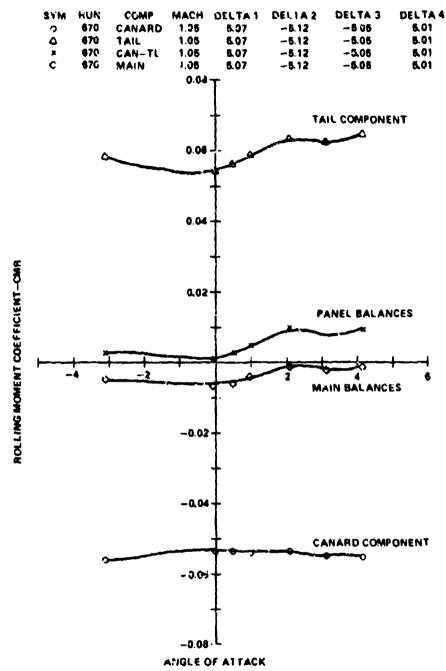
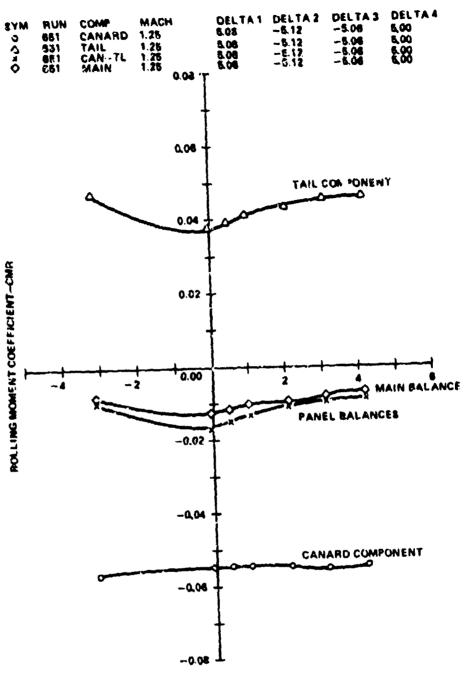


Figure 10. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 1.05$, forward canards, planar tail.



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Figure 11. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 1.25$, forward canards, planar tail.

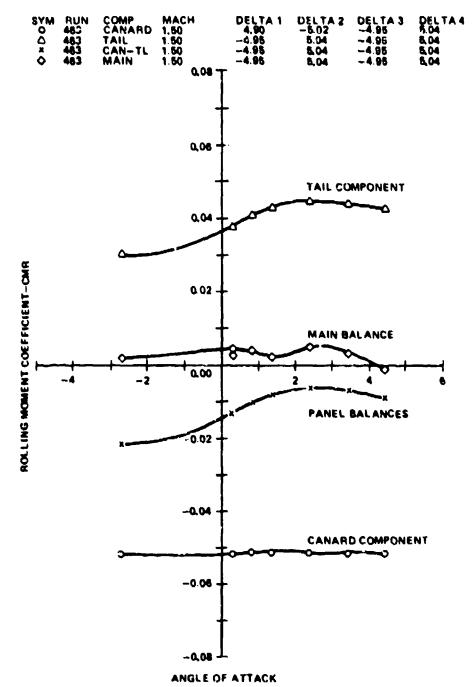


Figure 12. Component rolling moment coefficient, M_w = 1.5, forward canards, planar tail.

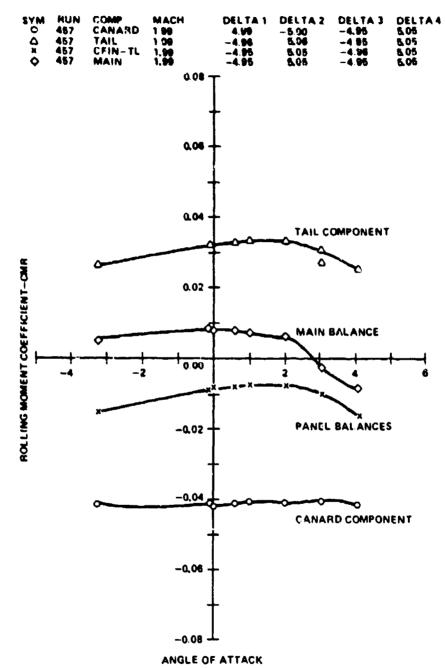


Figure 13. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 2.0$, forward canards, planar tail.

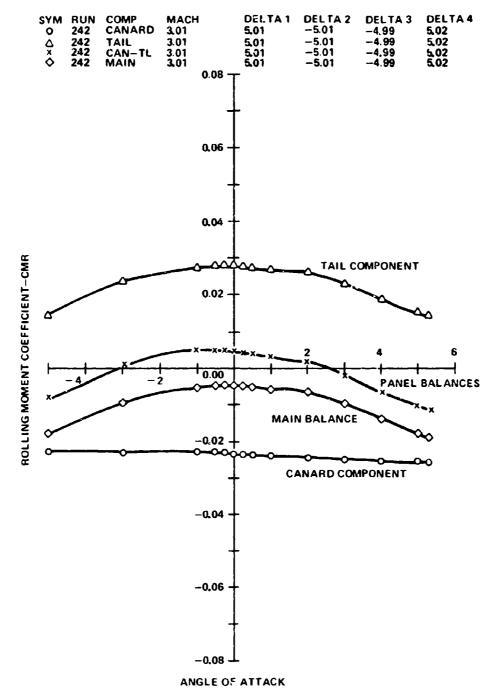


Figure 14. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 3.0$, forward canards, planar tail.

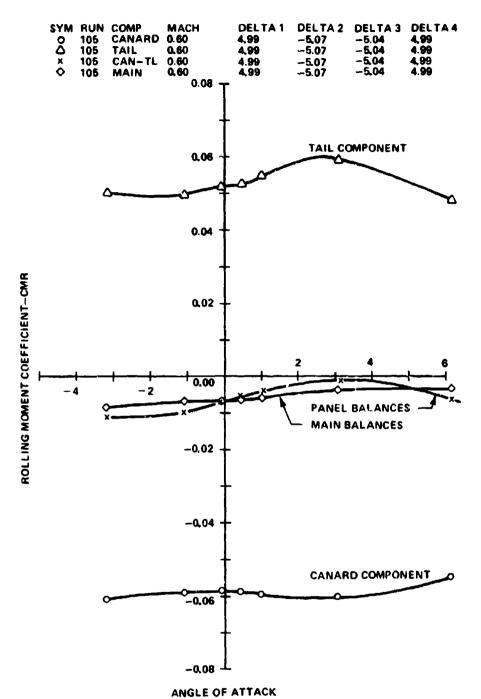


Figure 15. Component rolling moment coefficient, $\rm M_{\infty}$ = 0.6, aft canards, planar tail.

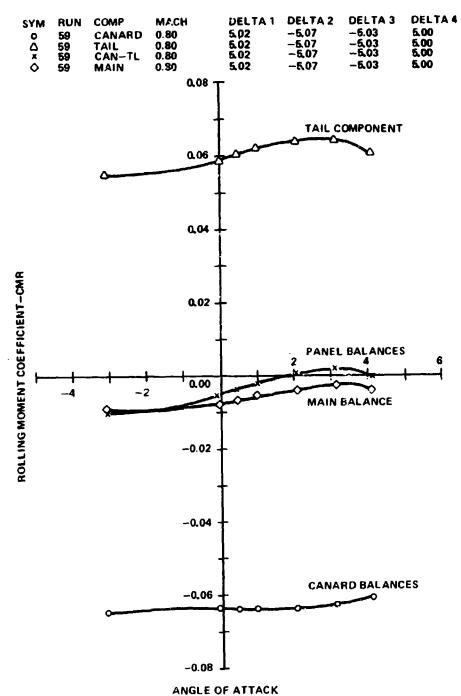


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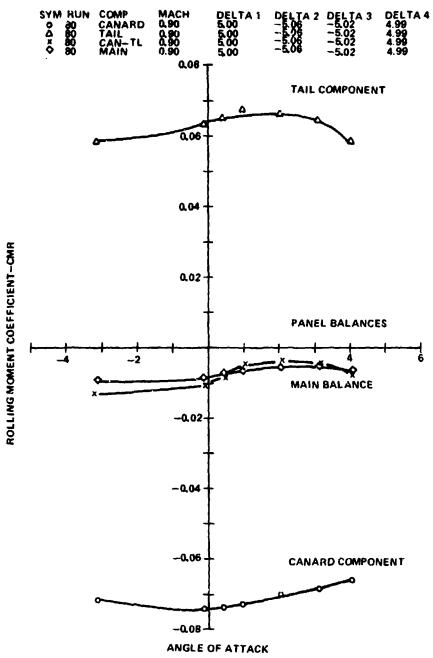


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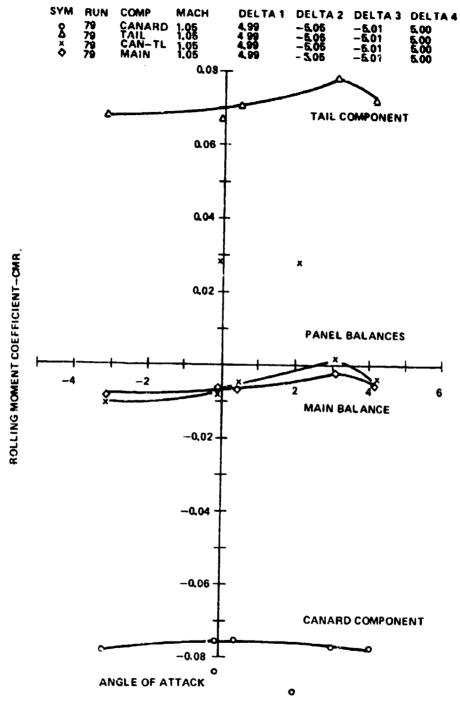


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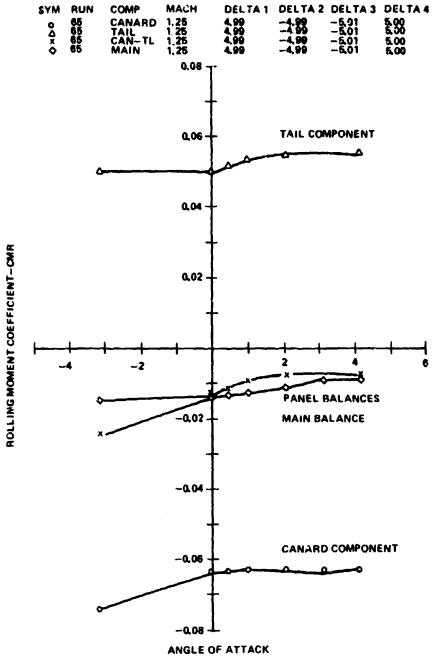


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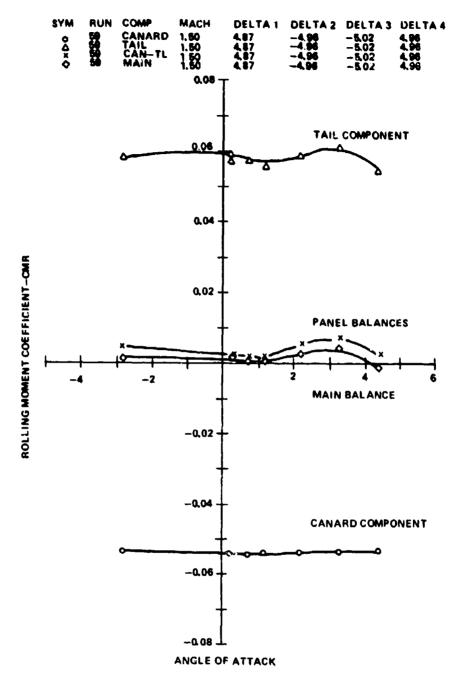


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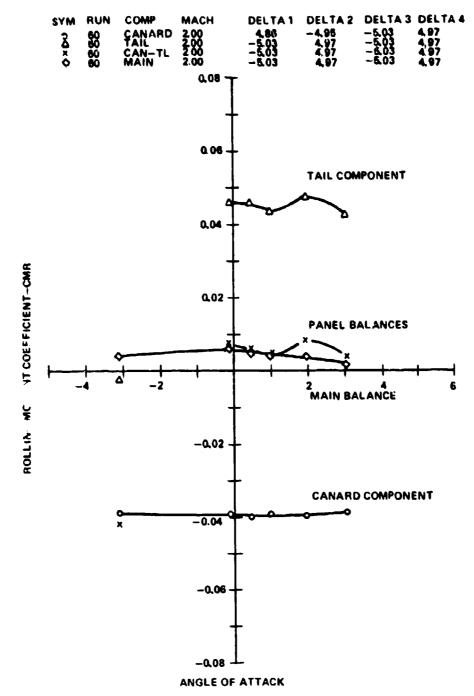


Figure 21. Component rolling moment coefficient, M_{∞} = 2.0, aft canards, planar tail.

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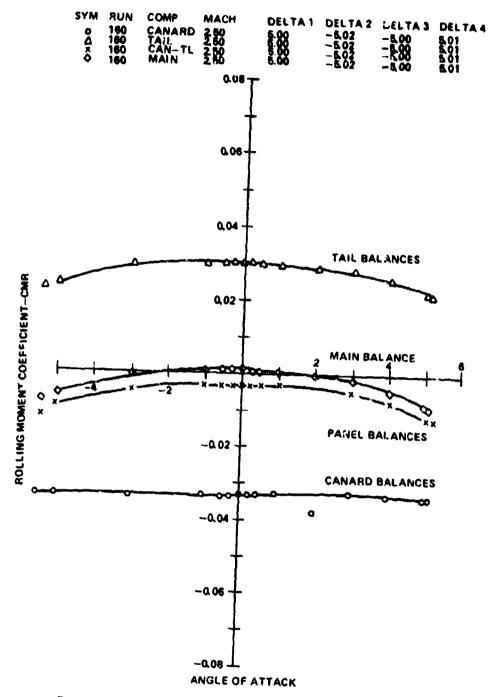


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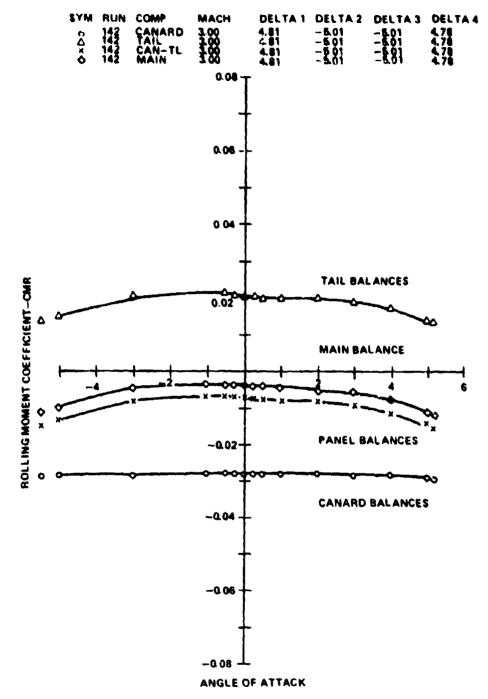
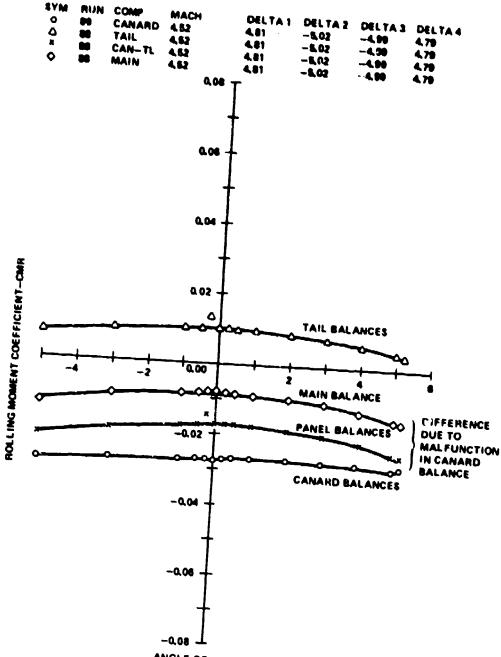
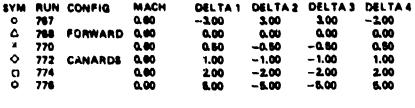


Figure 23. Component rolling moment coefficient, M_w = 3.0, aft canards, planar tail.



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Figure 24. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 4.5$, aft canards, planar tail.



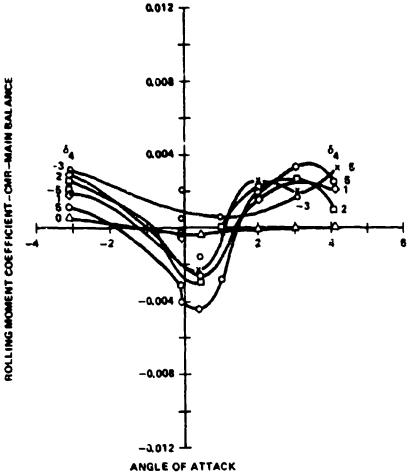


Figure 25. Total rolling moment coefficient, M_∞ = 0.6, forward canards, planar tail.

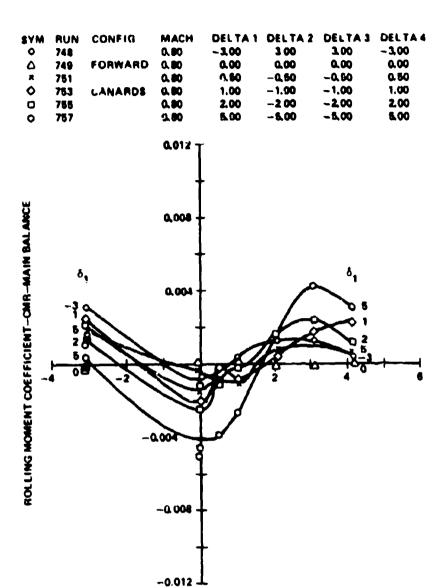


Figure 25 Total rolling moment coefficient, M_m = 0.8, forward canards, planar tail.

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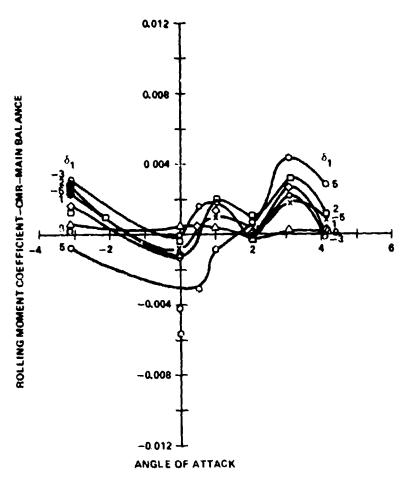


Figure 27 Total rolling moment coefficient, M_{∞} = 0.9, forward canards, planar tail.

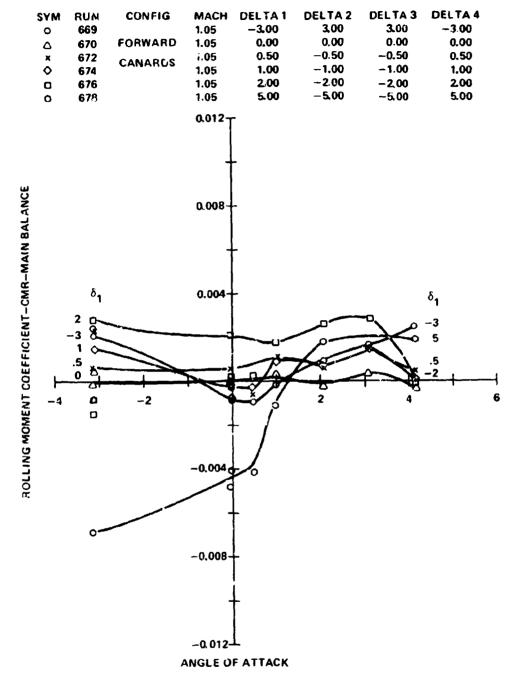


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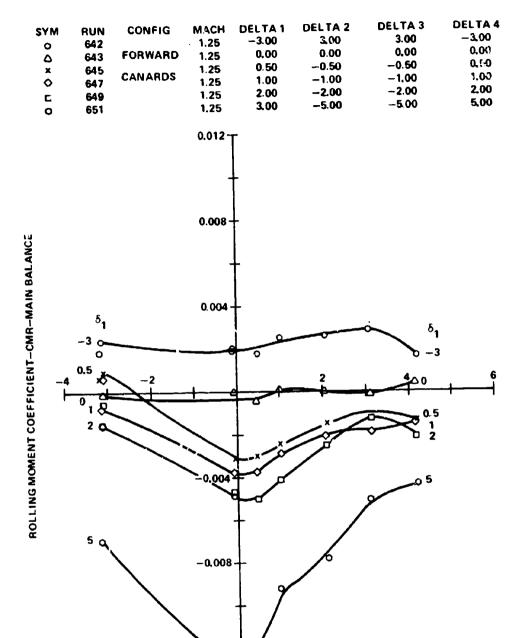


Figure 29. Total rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 1.25$, forward canards, planar tail.

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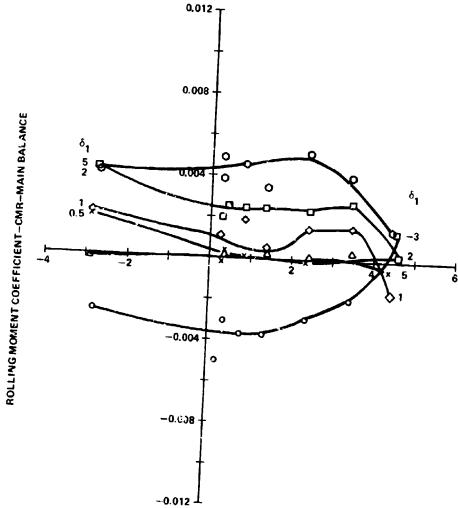


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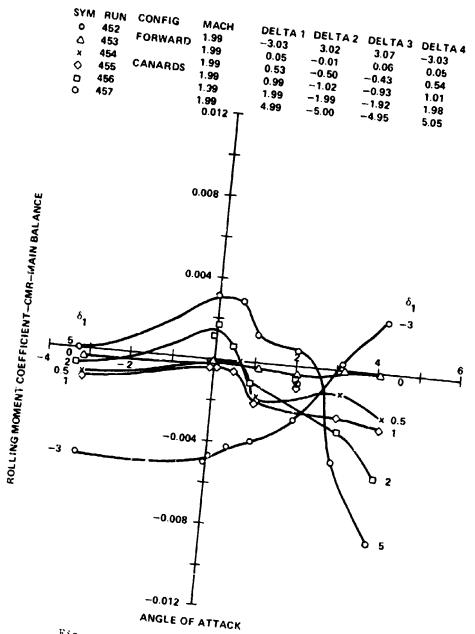


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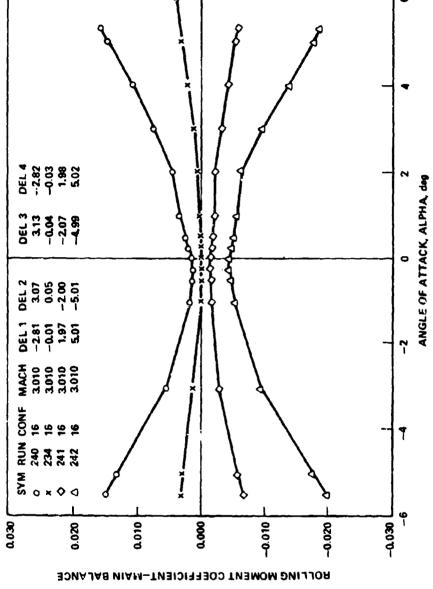


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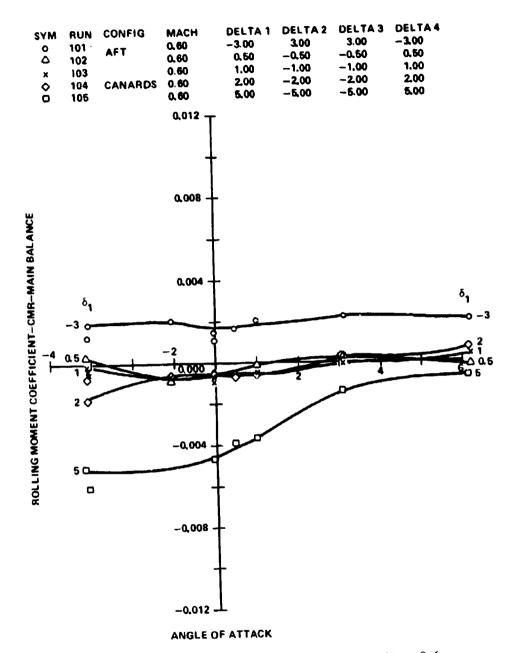


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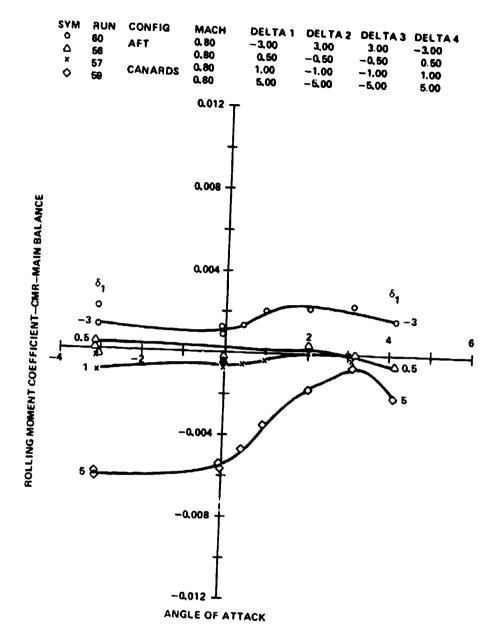


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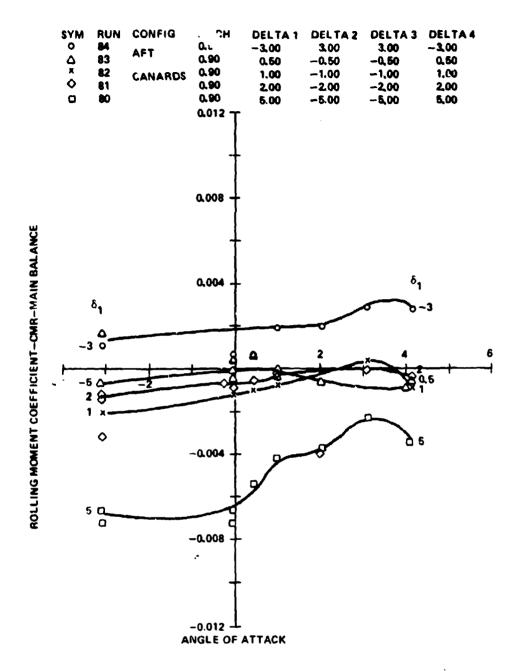
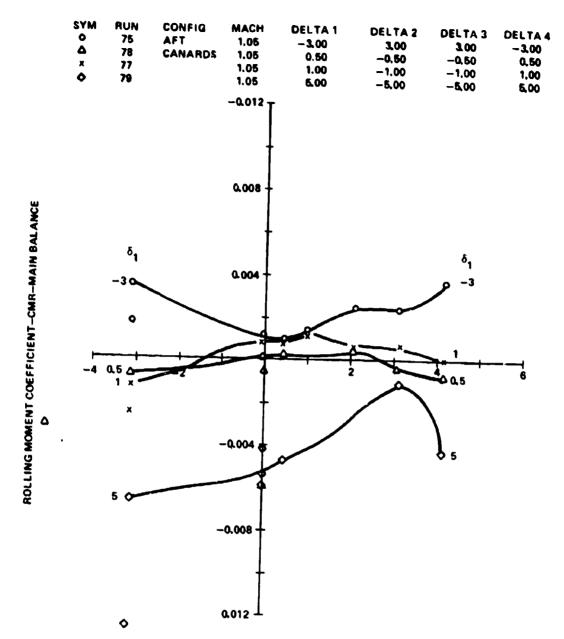


Figure 35. Total rolling moment coefficient, $h_{\perp} = 0.9$, aft canards, planar tail.

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Figure 36. Total rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 1.05$, aft canards, planar tail.

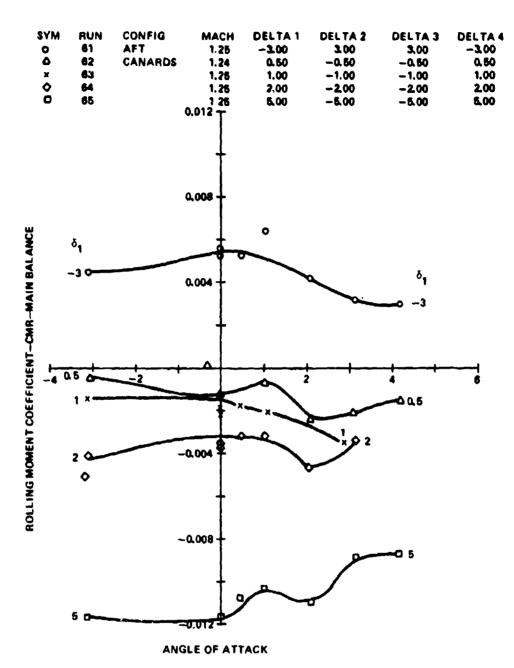


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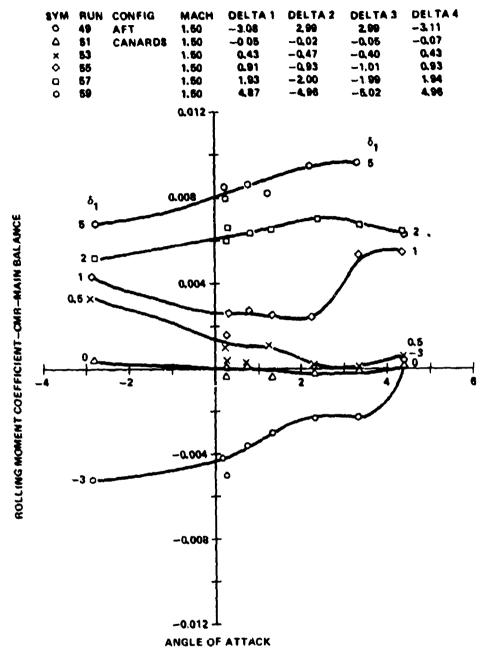


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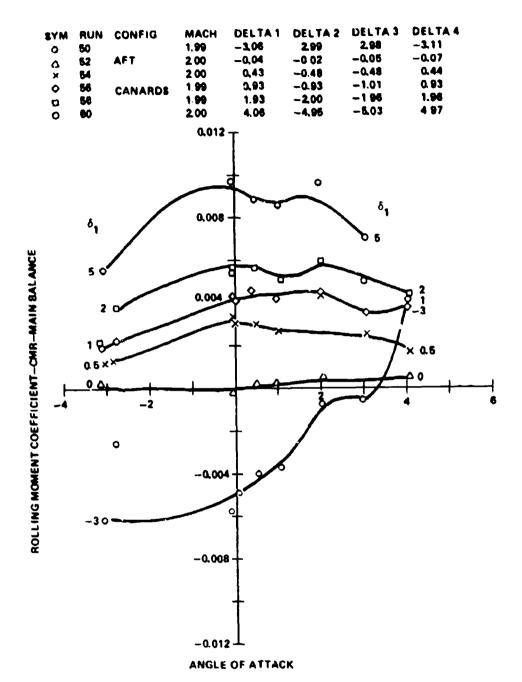


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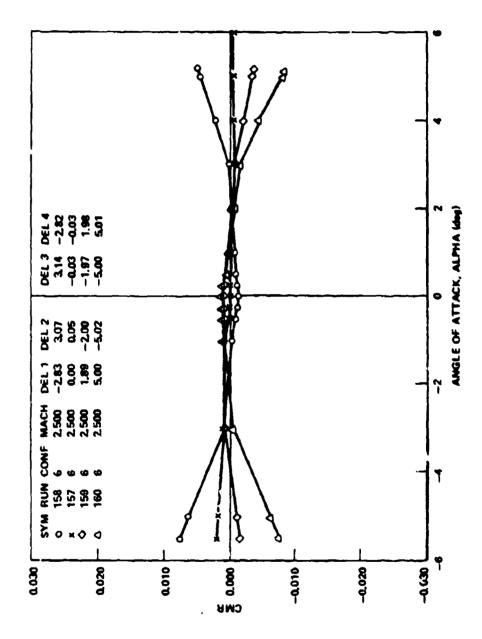


Figure 40. Total rolling moment coefficient versus angle of attack, aft canards, planar tail, $M_{\infty}=2.5$.

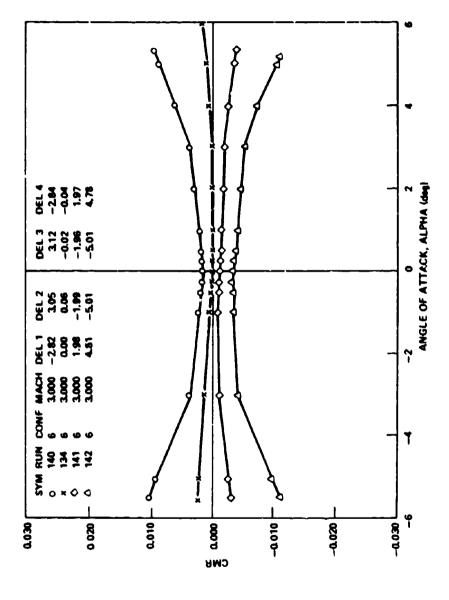


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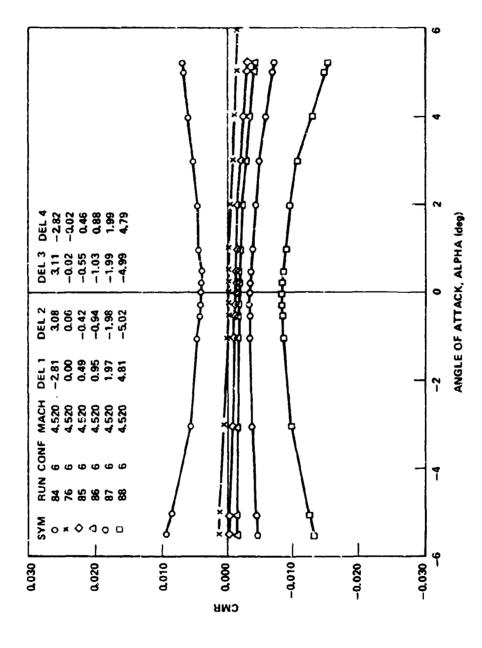
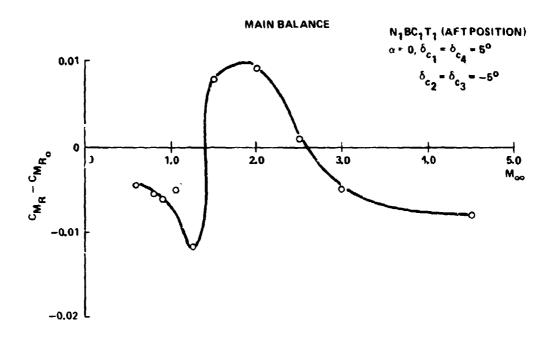


Figure 42. Total rolling moment coefficient versus angle of attack, aft canards, planar tail (runs 76 and 84 through 88).

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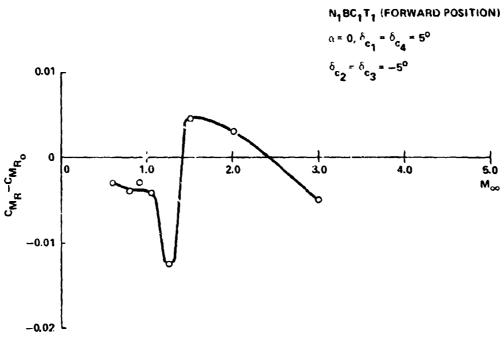


Figure 43. Effect of Mach number on rolling moment coefficients, $\alpha = 0$, $\delta = \pm 5^{\circ}$.

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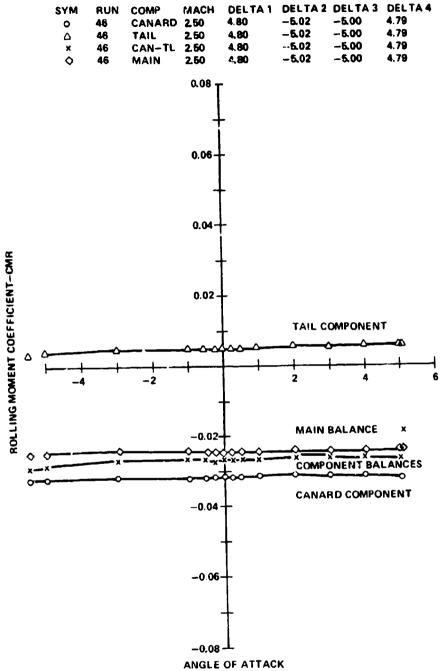


Figure 44. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 2.5$, aft canards, ring tail.

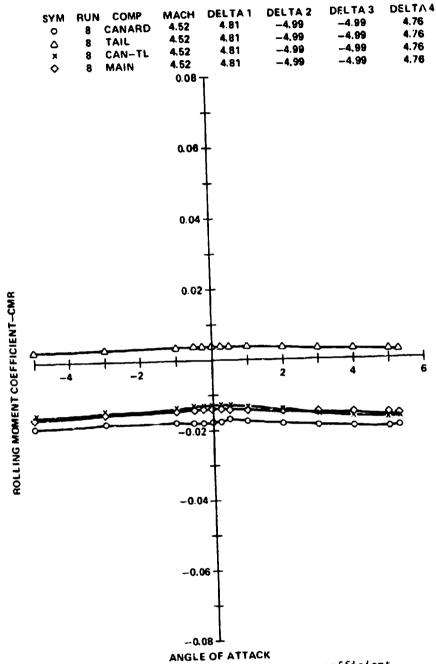


Figure 45. Component rolling moment coefficient, $M_{\infty} = 4.5$, aft canards, ring tail.

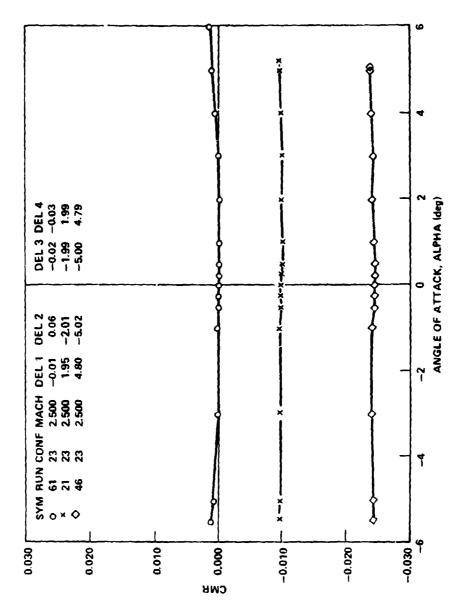


Figure 46. Total rolling moment coefficient versus angle of attack, $M_\infty=2.5$, aft canard, ring tail.

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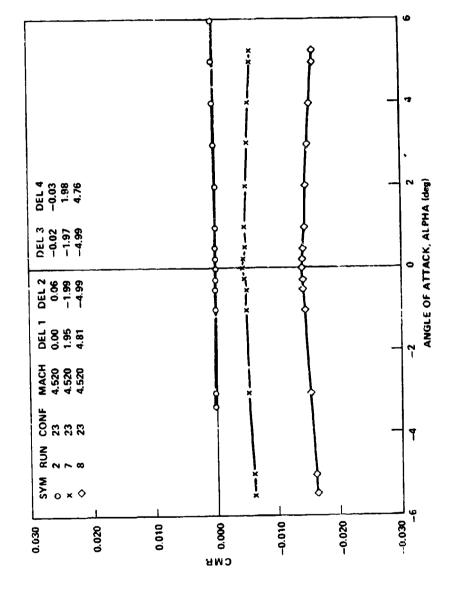


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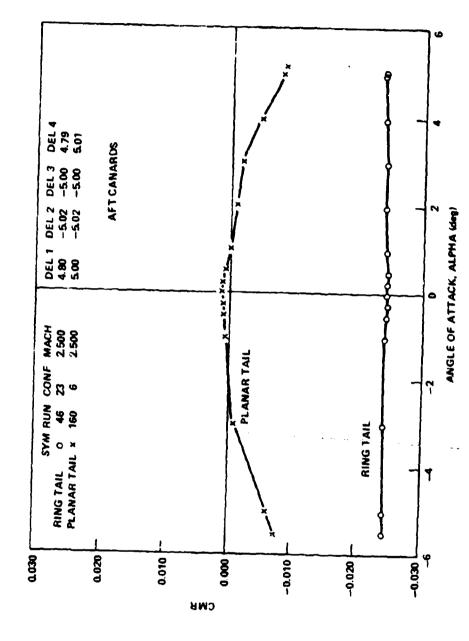
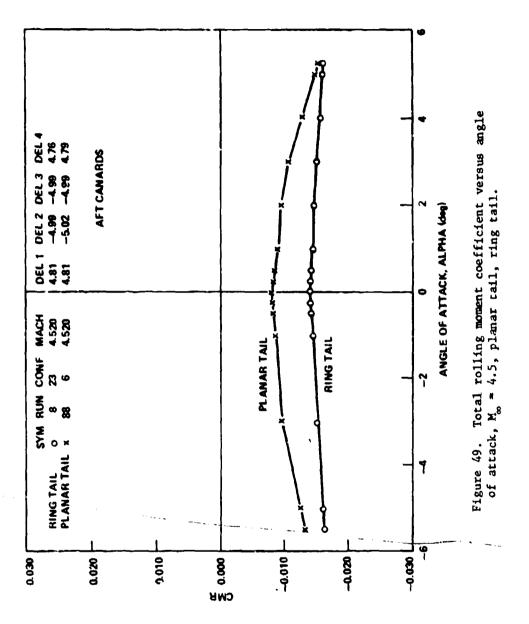


Figure 48. Total rolling moment coefficient versus angle of attack, M_{∞} = 2.5, planar tail, ring tail.

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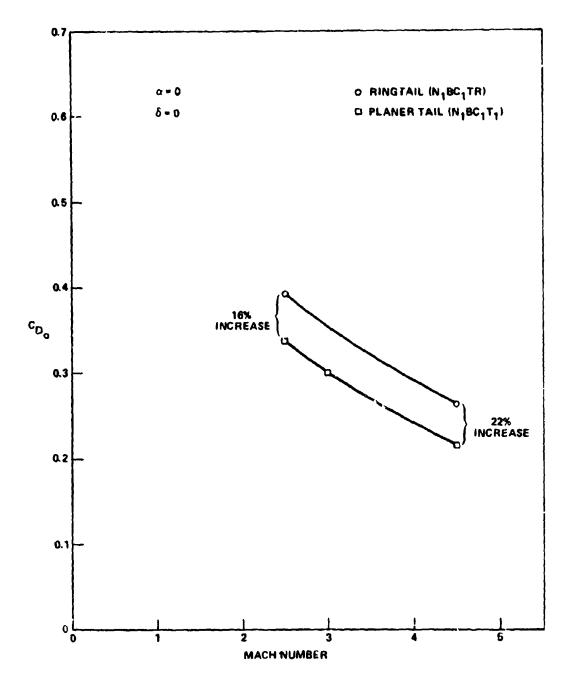


Figure 50. Change in drag due to ring tail.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

A	Reference area, maximum body cross section, 19.63 in. 2
c _M B _{C×}	Root bending moment coefficient for canard No. x, MBCx
$^{\mathtt{C}_{\mathtt{M}_{\mathtt{B}_{\mathtt{Tx}}}}}$	Root bending moment coefficient for tail No. x, $M_{B_{TX}}/QAD$
c_{M_R}	Model rolling moment coefficient
C _{MRC}	Rolling moment coefficient due to canards only, $M_{{R}}$ /QAD
c _{MRc}	Model rolling moment coefficient with undeflected canards
c _{M_RT}	Rolling moment coefficient due to tails only, $\frac{M_R}{T}$ /QAD
С _N Сж	Normal force coefficient for canard No. x, N _{Cx} /QA
c _N _{Tx}	Normal force coefficient for tail No. x, N _{Tx} /QA
D	Body maximum diameter, reference diameter, 5.0 in.
M_{∞}	Free stream Mach number
M _B Cx	Root bending moment for canard No. x
MB _{TX}	Root bending moment for tail No. x
M _R C	Rolling moment due to canards only
$^{\rm M}$ R $_{ m T}$	Rolling moment due to tail only
N _{C×}	Normal force for canard No. x
N _{T×}	Normal force for tail No. x
Q	Dynamic pressure, 1/2 pV ² , 1b/ft ²

TR _C	Body radius at the canard hinge point			
$R_{\mathbf{T}}$	Body radius at the tail hinge point			
V _∞	Free stream velocity			
x	x Canard or tail panel number			
α	Angle of attack (deg)			
⁶ Cx, DEL _x	Deflection angle for canard No. x (deg)			
ρ	Free stream density			

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